

I am very sorry to know of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a frightening example of media consolidation results, and the expression of company biases that can follow.

Big business broadcasting companies such as Sinclair, who use the public airwaves free of charge, are under obligation by law to serve the public interest. We are seeing what can happen when large companies control the airwaves. What they think is important is "the bottom line", not unbiased information, which is what is needed for our democracy to work as it should, and as it was intended. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

This country needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This is demonstrated by Sinclair's intentions to dominate the viewpoint expressed, instead of reporting news. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.